

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner provided an initialed PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of each of the documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of January 30, 2006. While consideration of each of the documents is presumed, as the PTO-1449 form was signed and no references were crossed out, Applicants did notice that the Examiner did not place his initials next to JP-64-6293 B2. Again, while this is presumed to be merely an oversight, the PTO-1449 form is again being submitted so that the Examiner can place his initials next to this reference and confirm its consideration.

Further, the Examiner apparently initialed the original PTO-1449 form submitted with the present application, and not the revised form submitted thereafter on March 27, 2006. The revised form corrected the date of publication for JP-3333304 B2 from 10/09/1995 to 10/15/2002.

Thus, the Examiner is requested to initial each reference on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and return the initialed PTO-1449 form to the Applicants.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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